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LETTER.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests.

No. 3771-I-J. Bombay, 31st January 1952.

Reference correspondence resting with your unofficial reference No. 33-C/II/51, dated the 14th September, 1951, regarding supply of timber to the Bombay Housing Board.

Government has decided that the Bombay Housing Board should pay at the revised scheduled rates for the timber supplied to it after the 30th September, 1950, whether or not an order was placed prior to that date. The Board should make full payment in cash before or at least at the time of delivery of the material. If, however, the Board finds it inconvenient to make payments as and when any consignment is ready for despatch, it should deposit with the Accountant General, Bombay, the approximate price of the timber, which should be intimated by the Forest Department to the Board, so that the Forest department can prepare the bills on the Accountant General, Bombay and get the accounts adjusted as soon as each consignment is booked.

By order of the Governo r of Bombay,

Sd/-
For Secretary to the Governmentof Bombay,
Agriculture and Forests department.

copies to-

all the Conservators of Forests,
the Accountant General, Bombay (through the Finance departmen
the Deputy Accountant General, Baroda, (through the Finance Department),
the Finance Department,
the Labour and Housing Department.

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No. 12(2)/B/ 6570 - HC-B of 1952.
Office of the Housing Commissioner,
Esplanade Maidan, Cruickshank Road,
BOMBAY: 21st AUGUST 1952.

To:

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Labbur and Housing Department,
B O M B A Y.

Subject:- supply of Timber by Forest department to the Bombay Housing Board - Rates for -

Sir,

I have to state that Government in the Agriculture and Forests Department vide its G.R.NO. 3771 dated 15-5-1951 had issued orders that the timber supplied to the Bombay Housing Board for it shousing schemes should be charged for at the Scheduled rates of the Forest Department. Accordingly all the requirements of the timber were obtained from the Forest Department by the Bombay Housing Board at the Scheduled rates. In this connection I have to invite a reference to letter No. 3771/ 22370-J dated 3-6-52 from Government in the Agriculture and a copy of which was endorsed to the Labour and Housing department wherein para one it is made clear that the Bombay Housing Board is entitled to obtain its requirements of timber from the Forest Department at shheduled rates in accordance with the orders issued in G.R.No. 3771 dated 15-5-1951. However in para 2 of the same Government letter, it is stated that the concession of supplying timber to the Bombay HousingBoard at Scheduled rates is not applicable in respect of timber supplied from the Dangs district in view of G.R. (Agriculture andforests Department) No. 3771 dated 16-4-52. While issuing the orders in G.R. No. 3771 dated 15-5-51 Government had fully considered the matter and it was not the intention xxx of Government to charge higher rates than the Scheduled rates for timber supplied to the Bombay Housing Board as it would have adverse effect on the cost of construction of tenements which is being financed out of the funds advanced by Government and which would also have adverse effect on rents payavle by the industrial labour and persons of low income group. The position as to how the rates of timber higher than the Scheduled rates if charged to the Bombay Housing Board would affect the interest of Government has been fully brought out in this office U.O.R. No. 12(1)B/ 4208 dated 23-5-51. I would therefore request that Government may kindly bemoved to continue to supply the Forest Department timber to the Bombay Housing Board at scheduled rates in accordance with the orders issued in G.R. No. 3771, dated 15-5-51 and not to make applicable the orders issued in G.R. No. 3771 dated 16-4-52 so far as the Bombay Housing Board is concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
Housing Commissioner, Bombay.

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'G' Br. P. W. D.

Please see letter dt. 21st August 1952 from the H.C. Bombay. There appears to be some discrepancy in the orders issued under G.R., A. & F.D. No. 3771, dt. the 15th May 1951 and those contained in G.L., A & F.D. No. 3771/22370-J, dt. the 3.6.52. The latter, it seems, were issued in consultation with this branch (formerly in L. & H.D.) The A. & F.D. may be requested u.o. to make available to this Deptt. the papers underlying G.L., A. & F.D., No. 3771/22370-J, dt. the 3-6-52. That department may also be requested to offer its remarks on the proposals made inthe H.C.'s letter.

Id/- 9/9/52.

u.o.r. to A. & F.D. dt. 10/9/52.

A. & F.D:
J Br.

File No. 3771-III containing the proceedings underlying GL No, 3771/22370-J, dated the 3-6-52, has been sent to the with the ~~file~~ H.D. file No. 3540/6 regarding supply of timber to S. T. Corporation. This ma be kept pending the return of our file. The H.D. is being expedited separately for our file.

Id/-
24/9/1952.

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A. & F. D.
'J' br.

This Department file No.3772-III containing the proceedings undrlying Government Letter No.3771/22370-J, dated the 3rd June 1952, has been referred unofficially to the Home Department on 3rd October, 1952, with its file No.2540/6 regarding supply of timber to the S.T. corpo-ration. The M B. may therefore, be requested unofficially to return our papers to this Department as soon as possible as they are required for thedisposal of thif case

Id/-
24-10-1952.

Urgent unofficiall to Home Department. (20-7-52.

These papers may be returned unofficial to the Agricultur and Forest Department with its file No.3771-III.

Id/-
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U.O.R. to Agricultur and Forest Department dated 1-11-52.

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A. & F. D.
'J' Dr.

Please see the Housing Commissioner s letter, dt. the 21st August, 1953, in whichhe has requested that thetimber to the Bombay Housing Board should be supplied at scheduled rates in accordance with the orders issued in G.R. No.3771, dt. the 16th May, 1951 and that the orders issued in G.R.,No.3771, of 16-4-1953, should not be made applicable to the B.H.Board. In para 2 of G.L., No.3771/22370-J of 3rd June, 1953 it has been stated that the orders issued in G.R.,No.3771 of 16th April, 1953 will cover the supply of timber from the Dangs to the B.H.Board.

2. After very careful consideration, it has been decided that the practice of supplying timber to private bodies, private institutions etc. at scheduled low or concessional rates should be discontinued and that the Deptt. recommending the supply of timber at any concessional rate should consider it as a proposal for grant-in-aid equivalent to the concession involved. As the Forest Deptt. is a commercial Deptt; the proposal of the Housing Commissioner not to make applicable the orders in G.R., No. 3771 of 16th April,1953, to the B.H.Board cannot be accepted. If, however, the P.W.D. desires that the B.H.Board should be supplied timber at concessional rates, then it may consider it as a proposal for grant in aid to the B.H.Board.

3. These papers may be returned u.o. to the P.W.D. with the papers containing the proceedings underlying G.L.No.3771/22370-J of 3rd June,1953, as desired by that deptt. with the request to ret

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[redacted] return our papers when no longer required.

Ad/-

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'Q' Br.

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P. W. D.

Submitted. with reference to o.note dated the 8-6-53.

2. These papers pertain to the question of supply of timber to the Bombay Housing Board at Scheduled rates. Under Govt. resolution A. & F.D. No. 3771 dated the 16-5-51 orders were issued to the effect that the timber supplied to the Bombay Housing Board for its housing schemes should be charged for at scheduled rates. Thereafter the A. & F.D. informed the A.G., Bombay vide para 2 of its letter No. 3771/22370-J, dated the 3-6-53, that the concession of supplying timber to the Bombay Housing Board at scheduled rates has been discontinued. As these orders were not in conformity with the orders issued in G.R., A. & F.D. No. 3771, dt. the 16-5-51 the A. & F.D. was requested to forward the proceedings underlying its letter No. 3771/22370-J. dated the 3-6-53. It appears therefrom that general question of discontinuing of the practice of supplying timber at scheduled rates etc. was considered and the orders to the effect that the practice of supplying timber to private institutions free or at scheduled rates or at concessional rates should be discontinued forthwith and that Deptts. sponsoring the supply should consider such demands as a proposal for grant-in-aid vide A. & F.D. No. 3771, dt. 16.4.53. These orders were issued in consultation with the Lab. & H. Deptt. It is necessary to get the proceedings underlying G.R., A. & F.D. No. 3771, dt. 16-4-53 which would give us an idea as to whether the point regarding supply of ti to the Housing Board was touched

do the Housing board was touched while agreeing to the proposal of the A. & F.D. regarding discontinuance of the supply of timber at concessional rtes etc. when these papers were referred to the late L. & H.D. at n.o. stage. The A. & F.D. may therefore be requested n.o. to forward the proceedings underlying Govt. M A. & F.D. No. 3771, dt. 16-4-52 to this Deptt.

3. From 'D' on page 41 ante it appears that the orders contained in G.R., A. & F.D.No.3771,dt.16-4-52 apply to the Bombay Housing Board also. However, in A.&F.D. G.R. dt. 16-4-52 it is stated that the prac ice of supplying timber to private institutions free or at concessional rates or at scheduled rates should be discontinued. It is not known whether those orders apply to the local or semi-Govt. bodies. The A. & F.D. may therefore first be requested u.o. to make this clear and state whether these orders apply to the Bombay Housing Board which is treated as a local body.

Id/-
5-1-53.

u.o.r. to A. &F.D. dt. 9-1-53 and with file No.142/48-J A. & F.D. No. 3771/54574.

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A. & F.D.
J. Br.

Submitted with reference to the O.N. dated the 22-11-1952.

2. The file No. 3771-III containing the proceedings underlying G.L. No.3771 of 16-4-1952, may be forwarded to the P.W.D. as requested by that Deptt. with the request to return our pps. when they are no longer required.

3. The B.H.Board is not a Deptt. of Govt. It is, therefore, not entitled to supply of timber at any concessional rates. The orders issued inG.R. No. 3771 of 16-4-1952 apply to all bodies, institutions, etc. which are not Deptts. of Government. Attention is also invited to the portion marked 'A' of the o.n. of 26-11-1951. in file No.3771/54514-J.

4. These papers may be returned u.o. to the P.W.D. with the above remarks.

Id/-
14-1-53.

u.o.r. to F.D. with (i) file No.3771/54514
(ii) file No. 3771-III,
(iii) P.W.D.file no.142/48-D.
dt. 16-1-53.

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Submitted.

2. These papers pertain to the proposal regarding supply of timber of the Bombay Housing Board at scheduled rates. Under Govt. Res., A & F.D. No. 3771, dated the 15-5-51 orders were issued directing that the timber supplied to the Bombay Housing Board for its housing schemes should be charged scheduled rates. These orders were given effect to from the date on which Board was constituted. In April 1952 however the A & F.D. reviewed the general proposal of supply of timber to private institutions, such as schools, libraries, hospitals etc. and issued orders directing that the practice of supplying timber to private institutions free or at scheduled rates or at concessional rates should be ~~xxxxxx~~discontinued forthwith and that Deptts. sponsoring the supply should consider such demands as proposals for grant-in-aid in consultation with the A. & F.D. vide Govt. Res. A. & F.D. No. 3771, dated the 16th April 1953. The Housing Commissioner, Bombay Housing Board therefore approached Govt with a request that the concessions of scheduled rates granted to the Bombay Housing Board vide Govt. R. A. & F.D. No. 3771, dated the 15-5-51. may be continued.

3. The reasons for discontinuance of the concessions regarding supply of timber will be found in para 1 of the G.R., A. & F.D., No. 3771, dt. 16-4-53. These orders were issued by the A & F.D. ~~xxxxx

timber supplied was under consideration between the late Lab. & H D and the A. & F.D. and as such no remarks on the proposal regarding discontinuance of the concessional rates etc. for supply of timber to private institutions were offered. The A. & F.D. states that the orders contained in G.R., A. & F.D., No. 3771, dated the 16-4-53 apply to the Bombay Housing Board also.

Thus the position now is that the Bombay Housing Board is not entitled to the scheduled rates in respect of supply of timber to it by Forest Deptt. In view of the general order contained in G.R., A. & F.D. No. 3771 dt. the 16.4.53 it does not seem advisable to make an exception in case of Bombay Housing Board. The alternative then would be to consider the question of grant-in-aid in consultation with the A. & F.D. and the F.D. in view of the G.R. A & F.D. no. 3771, dated the 16-4-53. The agreement advanced by the Housing Board for supply of timber at scheduled rates are that if the timber is not supplied at scheduled rates it would have adverse effect on the cost of construction of tenements which is being financed out of the funds advanced by Government and will as also have adverse effect on rents payable by industrial labour and persons of low income group. It may be stated here that timber is only one of the building materials used inconstruction of buildings and the scheduled rate is only 15% less than the market rate. In view of this it appears that the concession of scheduled rates that was being granted to the Board, if withdrawn, will not have much effect on the cost of the buildings. Moreover, sanctioning of grant-in-aid to

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Public Works Department,
Bombay Castle(Bombay No.1),
17th March 1953.

From

The Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay
Public Works Department.

To.

The Housing Commissioner,
Bombay Housing Board,
Bombay.

Subject:- Supply of timber to the Bombay Housing Board.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No.12(1)B/6570HB-B, dated the 21st August 1952, on the above subject, I am directed to state that after careful consideration this Department does not propose to recommend to the Agriculture and forests department the supply of timber to the Bombay Housing Board at scheduled rates and that the Board should purchase timber as any other private institution.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay, Public Works Deptt.

D.A.-Nil.

Copy forwarded to the Agriculture and Forests Department for information also with Agriculture and forests Department papers bearing No.3171/54514 and file No.3771-III.

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the scheduled rate and the market rate will mean additional burden on the finances of this Govt. which will only mean shifting of a portion of the cost of building from the Bombay Housing Board to Govt. In view of this the Bombay Housing Board may perhaps be informed that, after careful consideration this Deptt. does not propose to recommend to the A. & F.D. the supply of timber to the Board at scheduled rates and that the Board should purchase timber as any other private institution.

Id/-
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P. W. D.

'Q Br.

Submitted with a draft for approval.

Id/-
14-3-53.

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